

# Senator Roland W. Burris

## *FY 2011 Appropriations Requests*

(Note: Projects are listed in alphabetical order by subcommittee, then project title. Projects will be posted as they are submitted to the subcommittees, as is required by new ethics laws.)

<p><i>SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AND FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION</i></p>
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**\$250,000 for Lincoln Park Zoo – Population Management Center**

*2001 N. Clark Street*

*Chicago, IL 60614*

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

The federal funding is critical to the Lincoln Park Zoo's ability to continue the Population Management Program. The Program provides Zoo managers around the world with the best science available to help protect endangered species in management populations.

**\$1,000,000 for University of Illinois - World Food and Health Initiative**

*University of Illinois*

*211 Mumford Hall, MC-710*

*1301 West Gregory Drive*

*Urbana, IL 61801*

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

The University of Illinois is requesting federal funding to support the World Food and Health Initiative, which is a foundational research and outreach program oriented towards world food and health issues. Studies on foods and food components focus on improving the health for individuals challenged by nutrition-related chronic diseases.

**\$1,000,000 for University of Illinois - Soybean Disease Biotechnology Center**

*University of Illinois*

*211 Mumford Hall, MC-710*

*1301 West Gregory Drive*

*Urbana, IL 61801*

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

The University of Illinois is requesting federal funding to support the Soybean Disease Biotechnology Center. The objective of the soybean research appropriation is to identify and implement useful technologies and strategies to protect the U.S. soybean crop. Each year about 15 percent of total soybean production is lost to disease.

**\$1,000,000 for University of Illinois - Illinois Center for One Medicine, One Health**

*University of Illinois*

*231 LAC MC-004*

*College of Veterinary Medicine*

*1008 W. Hazelwood Drive*

*Urbana, IL 61802*

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

The University of Illinois is requesting federal funding for Illinois Center for One Medicine, One Health. The Center would aim to serve as a model for national excellence in research, education and public engagement for animal, ecosystem and human health issues and to aid in preparing for both intentional and natural exposures to various disease causing agents.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND WATER
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**\$8,900,000 for Illinois Department of Natural Resources - Illinois River Basin Restoration (Illinois Rivers 2020)**

*Illinois Department of Natural Resources*

*One Natural Resources Way*

*Springfield, IL 62702*

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

The project will restore the ecological integrity and economic viability of the Illinois River Basin, which is of state and national significance due to its economic value (as a major commercial link between the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River) and its recreational and environmental value.

**\$4,500,000 for Illinois Department of Natural Resources - Des Plaines River Phase I - Levee 37 Construction Project**

*Illinois Department of Natural Resources*

*One Natural Resources Way*

*Springfield, IL 62702*

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

This project will protect more than 486 structures as well as two major transportation routes affected by flooding in the Mount Prospect and Prospect Heights communities.

**\$15,000,000 for Upper Mississippi River Basin Association - Navigation and Ecosystem Restoration Program (NESP)**

*415 Hamm Building*

*408 Saint Peter Street*

*St. Paul, Minnesota 55102*

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

This project will systemically advance navigation efficiency and enhance the ecological integrity of the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers. The federal funds will be used to plan, design, construct, evaluate, and monitor navigation and environmental restoration projects.

**\$25,000,000 for Upper Mississippi River Basin Association - Environmental Management Program (EMP)**

*415 Hamm Building*

*408 Saint Peter Street*

*St. Paul, Minnesota 55102*

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

To protect, restore, monitor, and research the unique natural resources of the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers, which Congress has declared as a nationally significant ecosystem and commercial navigation system. The EMP is a federal-state partnership to restore and monitor the natural resources of the Upper Mississippi and Illinois Rivers, ensuring the viability and vitality of the diverse and significant fish and wildlife resources.

**\$100,000 for Cairo Drainage District & City of Cairo - Goose Pond, Cottonwood Slough, 10th Street, and 28th Street Pump Stations**

*Cairo Drainage District & City of Cairo*

*PO Box 254*

*Cairo, IL 62914*

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

Rehabilitate four obsolete pump stations that are integral parts of flood protection structures built to protect Cairo and the surrounding areas.

**\$40,000,000 for Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago - McCook & Thornton Reservoirs, IL**  
*100 East Erie Street*

*Chicago, IL 60611*

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

To prevent decreased drinking water allocations, significant decreases in water quality, and prevent thousands of homes that would otherwise be vulnerable to flooding. When completed, the reservoir will have a total capacity of ten billion gallons, providing more than \$90 million per year in benefits to 3.5 million people in 37 communities, protecting 1.24 million structures.

**\$1,500,000 for City of Rock Island, Illinois - Mill Creek-South Slough**

*1528 3rd Ave.*

*Rock Island, IL 61201*

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

To reestablish proper drainage through the Mill Creek – South Slough project and to remove and dispose of the accumulating silt and downed timber that is restricting drainage.

**\$1,000,000 for Lake Land College - Lake Land College Webb Hall Renovation**

*5001 Lake Land Blvd.*

*Mattoon, IL 61938*

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

The project will convert the a classroom building's failing HVAC equipment system to heat pumps and connect to campus geothermal diversification loop. The increased energy savings, decreased carbon emissions and distinction of the project will not only benefit the district but will also benefit the state of Illinois.

**\$1,166,000 for Southwestern Illinois Flood Prevention District - Prairie du Pont Levee & Sanitary District and Fish Lake Drainage and Levee District**

*104 United Drive*

*Collinsville, IL 62234*

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

The project will adequately restore flood protection and meet FEMA requirements for levee conditions in a large area of southwest Illinois.

**\$950,000 for Village of Franklin Park, IL - Franklin Park Energy Efficiency Improvements**

*Village of Franklin Park*

*9500 West Belmont Avenue*

*Franklin Park, IL 60131*

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

The federal funds will be used for the energy efficient modernization and improvement of infrastructure of seven municipal buildings in Franklin Park.

<i>SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERIOR AND THE ENVIRONMENT</i>
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**\$250,000 for the New Philadelphia Association - New Philadelphia Study Act S. 1629**

*New Philadelphia Association*

*1005 Bainbridge*

*Barry, IL 62312*

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

The requested funds would be used to perform a feasibility and suitability study to determine New Philadelphia's qualification for National Park status. New Philadelphia is the first known town planned and legally recorded by a freedman and the historic town site was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2009.

**\$6,000,000 for the Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust Frank Lloyd Wright Robie House Restoration**

*Frank Lloyd Wright Preservation Trust*

931 Chicago Avenue

Oak Park, IL 60305

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

The restoration of the Robie House, an architectural icon and public historic site, would not only increase regional tourism but also serve as a platform for educational programs and experiences on architecture and design appreciation.

**\$2,200,000 for the City of Rock Island, IL Citywide Wastewater/Stormwater Management Program**

City of Rock Island, Illinois

1528 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave.

Rock Island, IL 61201

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

The requested funds would aid the City Rock Island with managing its sewer system and complying with a court decree requiring it to eliminate or treat combined sewer outflows by March 31, 2018.

**\$517,000 for the City of Kankakee, IL Kankakee River Metropolitan Agency (KRMA) Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements for Reliability and Energy Efficiency**

City of Kankakee, Illinois

385 East Oak Street

Kankakee, IL 60901

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

Federal funds would be used for critical equipment improvements to a wastewater treatment plant.

**\$500,000 for McHenry County, Illinois Drinking Water Quality Initiative**

McHenry County, Illinois

McHenry County Government Center

2200 North Seminary Avenue

Woodstock, IL 60098

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

McHenry County would use the federal funds to assess the short-term and long-term viability of the drinking water supply.

**\$10,000,000 for the University of Illinois Great Lakes Geologic Mapping Coalition**

Illinois state Geological Survey

Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

615 East Peabody Drive

Champaign, IL 61820

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

The funds would be used for the provision of maps and data to local decision makers, developers and industrial/commercial concerns in order to make better informed economic development decisions that properly assess the impact on the region's water resources and environmental integrity. A similar study in Kentucky produced an economic return of \$25-\$39 for each government dollar invested in the geologic mapping.

**\$4,974,000 for the North Shore Sanitary District Repair of Waukegan Sewage Treatment Plant's Final Effluent Forcemain**

North Shore Sanitary District

P.O. Box 751, Wm. Koepsel Drive

Gurnee, IL 60031

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

The requested funds would be used to repair the Waukegan effluent forcemain. The repairs would not only create valuable job creation to the region but also would reduce the potential of a forcemain rupture, which could cause substantial environmental, infrastructure and property damage.

<b>SUBCOMMITTEE ON MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS</b>
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**\$9,500,000 for Expansion of Squadron Operations Facility, Building 5008 – Scott Air Force Base**

*Illinois Air National Guard*

*Scott Air Force Base, IL 62225*

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

The 126<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing requires an adequately sized and appropriately configured space for the Active/Guard KC-135R flying squadron association. The facility will include common/shared space as well as separate active and guard unique areas. This project will consolidate the flying mission from multiple facilities into a single consolidated facility.

**\$4,362,000 for Illinois National Guard – Sparta Training Site Infrastructure**

*Illinois National Guard*

*1301 North MacArthur Blvd.*

*Springfield, IL 62702-2317*

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

The Illinois National Guard requests federal funding to support the construction of a new training facility in Sparta, Illinois. This project would extend site-required utilities (water, sewer, gas and electric services) to facilitate expansion and creation of the site infrastructure that will support the training requirements of the ILARNG and other military services within the Sparta Training Site region. Once the site is completed, it will reduce travel costs and other related expenses of guardsmen in central and southern Illinois, including the St. Louis metropolitan area, that are currently underserved by - and contributing to the congestion of - the Marseilles Training Center in northern Illinois.

**\$3,270,000 for Modified Record Fire Range Expansion – Marseilles Training Area**

*Illinois Army National Guard*

*Marseilles Training Center Headquarters*

*1450 Army Road*

*Marseilles, IL 61341-9536*

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

The Illinois National Guard requests federal funding for a range expansion of Modified Record Fire (MRF) range and move of the 25m zero range. The proposal would move the 25m zero range east, expand the current seven-lane MRF eastward to fourteen lanes. This funding includes: design costs for ranges, lead clean-up, dirt movement, wiring for electric and data transmission from the tower to each target location, target emplacements, and construction of the new range target. Completion of this project will allow the Illinois Army National Guard to meet Department of the Army training requirements for individual weapons.

**\$2,297,400 for Readiness Center Decatur – 766<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion**

*Illinois Army National Guard*

*766 Engineer Battalion, Field Service Company*

*5550 Ocean Trail Road*

*Decatur, IL 62521-8778*

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

The Illinois National Guard is requesting federal funding to support the design and construction of an addition for administrative supply (heated and unheated), classroom, and locker room space in Decatur, IL that transformed into the 766<sup>th</sup> Engineer Battalion Headquarters under the Army Modularity Force. The Illinois National Guard plans to build an addition to current infrastructure in order to reduce overall project costs.

**\$2,735,000 for Simulation Center – Marseilles, IL**

*Illinois Army National Guard*

*Marseilles Training Center Headquarters*

*1450 Army Road*

*Marseilles, IL 61341-9536*

Why this is a good use of taxpayer funds:

The Illinois National Guard requests federal funding for the construction of a facility capable of supporting virtual and constructive simulated training (JANUS, etc.), as well as command post exercises in order to train command and control elements and staff in a simulated tactical environment. Completion of this project will allow the ILARNG to meet multiple Department of the Army and Department of Homeland Security training requirements.